



THE FLYER



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just in case you have not been to the field lately, it is in great shape due to the rain and the efforts of our field maintenance team. Mother Nature is obviously not an R/Cer. I call this time, quality building time. For those of you who might remember I won the infamous white Stearman in the club raffle. I spent my quality building days finishing it, and on the first Sunday of the New Year, I made the maiden flight, which was semi-successful. No crash trophy this time. A bit of fine-tuning and it should be OK.

Don has informed me that due to the moisture that we have been receiving, this year should produce a bumper crop of weeds. With this in mind, we should be preparing ourselves for a springtime filled with weed abatement parties. I believe that if we can get a head start on this problem we should be able to control them until summer gets here. If you have any suggestions on how this may be accomplished let Don know.

If you know someone that is interested in becoming a club member but is not an AMA Member, a temporary membership is available from the AMA for \$19.95. This is good for three months and you get all of the benefits of the regular membership including the Model Aviation Magazine. I they should choose to join the AMA before the 3 months have elapsed; they may apply all of the \$19.95 to their normal cost of a membership. Guidelines for this application can be found on the internet at the AMA web site. Support your club, and come to the meetings. If you have ideas for a short program that could be used at the meetings let one of the officers know. Happy Landings.

The Pres

The weather has been terrible for flying but Don Miller and his crew have used it to their advantage. The field is as good as any one would want. Its hard to believe that this was an ago. When we meas-walking around in the have thought we could this fine field. All the now if only the rain fly.



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NEXT MEETING

• **Tuesday
January
11, 2004
6:30 PM
Lil Bit
Country
Café**

Victorville, Ca.

"Ever stop to think and forget to start again?"

A note from the Secretary and Treasurer:



Happy New Year everyone! We hope your holidays were merry.

With the weather actually acting like it is winter, there has not been much opportunity to see you at the field. Hopefully we will be able to get to flying again real soon.

The deadline to renew your AMA membership was December 31, please be sure you keep your membership current. Remember, if you are not a current AMA member, you cannot fly at the field. We will be confirming membership status.

We need to continue to pursue land for our future flying sight. It would be greatly appreciated if some of the club members could participate in the city/town council meetings for the area. We need to be present so they realize we are serious about our club and need land that is available. We have a good thing going and it would be devastating to the Club if we do not have a place to move once we get the word that the property we currently fly on has been sold. We have no reason to believe this will be in the near future, however, it will take a while to establish a field, so we need to start thinking about it now.

We continue to get a lot of spectators at the field and we all need to continue to be ever mindful of those people coming up to the fence. We, as a club, are getting better and better about this, as is evident in the surge of new members, we want to encourage you to keep up the good work.

We are getting a lot of members who are new to the sport and we are in the process of organizing a training program to help these members become familiar with the sport and have fun. As these people get experienced they will be able to help future members who need training and so on and so forth.

We need to be thinking about what other activities we should be hosting at the field to continue to bring new people to the hobby. We have started the surrounding community interest and need to plan another event to keep the momentum going. Bring your ideas to the meeting on Tuesday so we can begin planning the next event. Also, remember, a good way to get our club known is to attend other clubs' functions and community events. If you hear about anything happening that would benefit our club by being present, please let one of the officers know so we can plan to be represented.

Remember, this is **YOUR** club. This means that everyone needs to be involved with all aspects of it as much as possible. There is always room for volunteers to work at the field, to donate materials for various projects and to contribute financially. Any contributions to better your club are always greatly appreciated. If anyone has any ideas or comments on how we can better run the club and/or make it grow, please be keeping those notes and bring them to the monthly meeting so we may discuss new ideas and possibly implement additional policies as they are voted on.

**The January meeting is the second Tuesday which is the 11th.
Please mark your calendar as everyone's input is important to make this club run smoothly.**

Life Lessons:

Keep the Airplane in Such an attitude that the air pressure is directly in the Pilots Face.

— Horatio C. Barber, 1916



In his book, Sled Driver, SR-71 Blackbird pilot Brian Shul writes: "I'll always remember a certain radio exchange that occurred one day as Walt (my back-seater) and I were screaming across Southern California 13 miles high. We were monitoring various radio transmissions from other aircraft as we entered Los Angeles airspace. Though they didn't really control us, they did monitor our movement across their scope.

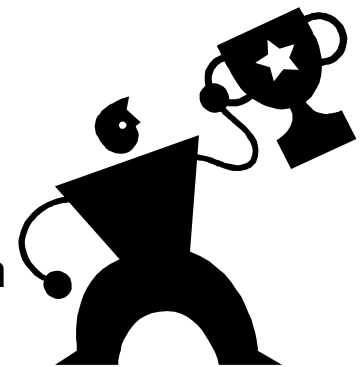
I heard a Cessna ask for a readout of its ground speed."90 knots" Center replied. Moments later, a Twin Beech required the same. "120 knots," Center answered. We weren't the only ones proud of our ground speed that day as almost instantly an F-18 smugly transmitted, "Ah, Center, Dusty 52 requests ground speed readout." There was a slight pause, then the response, "525 knots on the ground, Dusty." Another silent pause.

As I was thinking to myself how ripe a situation this was, I heard a familiar click of a radio transmission coming from my back-seater. It was at that precise moment I realized Walt and I had become a real crew, for we were both thinking in unison. "Center, Aspen 20, you got a ground speed readout for us?" There was a longer than normal pause.... "Aspen, I show 1,742 knots" (That's about 2004.658 mph for those who don't know)

No further inquiries were heard on that frequency

CRASH TROPHY

Our illustrious leader is the proud owner of this months crash trophy. He managed to retract the landing gear on a friends airplane on take-off. Did I mention that the airplane did not have retracts. Doug did stay off the trophy for over two years but vote was unanimous this time.



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VIRTUALLY SCALE

By: David D. Pearson

Toys in the Attic:

A while back, my father informed me that he had a box full of old magazines he had collected over the years. I finally picked up the dusty and torn cardboard box that weighed a ton and heaved it into my car. Once at home, I dusted the box off, coughed and opened it. To my amazement I found the most glorious RC model magazines ranging from the late 60's to early 90's. The most treasured ones were entitled "Scale R/C Modeler". I then realized that our very own Norm Goyer served as the Editor. I have to tell you that once I started reading Norm's editorials and coverage of the Scale Masters throughout the years, I could not put them down for a second until I had read them twice and sometimes even three times. Norm is an extremely talented writer.



***Who is the young skinny guy that has not figured out you should file a flat spot on that nose gear?
Hmmm? Maybe he is still waiting for his invitation to Top Gun.
It must be lost in mail.***

Up and coming scale event: Just around the corner is the "Gun Smoke" qualifying event for the US Scale Masters Championships in Mesa, Arizona on February 25-27 that will be hosted by the Arizona Model Aviators. Yours truly will be attending and will have a complete report on the event. (Maybe I can talk Charlie into 2 pages for my event report) There will be 4 classes of competition classified as Fun Scale, Sportsman, Expert and Team.

The competition will consist of static judging on the first day and flight judging on the following two days. The static portion of your score will be half of your final score and the best 3 of 5 flights averaged will be the other half.

The top 30 percent of the Expert and Team classes will advance to the US Scale Masters Championships held in the fall. If you are interested in attending this magnificent event, I have more information available upon request.

Virtual Modeler:

This month's profiled internet website is Brett Green's HyperScale located at <http://www.hyperscale.com> Brett is an avid plastic model builder, photographer and writer based in Sydney, Australia. Hyperscale is an internet based magazine with featured articles of various aircraft and armor from plastic modelers around the world. The gallery has some of the most incredible plastic models and historic information around.

The modelers that contribute are truly what I call "Rivet Counters" and offer the most scrutinizing details and historic information on many different subjects. The plastic model world really has a lot to offer us RC Scale guys. I always build and paint at least one plastic model a year to somewhat "calibrate" myself. It is so easy to lose focus of precision scale modeling with all that balsa dust, CA and nitro.

Until next month... remember to keep'm flying scale and send me an old picture or two.

I want to see those young and thin VVRCFr's of years past. Don't forget to drop me a note with your comments.

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If you have items to donate to the club that can be used for sale on Ebay please contact Aaron Strietzel at 760-947-8905. Or you can bring the items to the field. Please no complete airplanes. This will be a major fund raiser for our club.

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